

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action dated August 26, 2005. Claims 1-8 are pending in the present application. Claims 1-8 have been rejected. Claim 8 has been amended to address a 35 U.S.C. 112 rejection. Claims 1-8 remain pending. The specification has also been amended to address a 35 U.S.C. 112 rejection. Support for the amendment to the specification is found in independent claim 1, and support for the amendment to claim 8 is found on page 8, lines 15-21 of the specification. Applicant respectfully submits that no new matter has been presented. For the reasons set forth more fully below, Applicant respectfully submits that the claims as presented are allowable. Consequently, reconsideration, allowance, and passage to issue are respectfully requested.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant notes with appreciation that the allowability of claims 1-8 will be determined when the claims are amended to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. 112, as set forth above. Accordingly, the specification and claim 8 has been amended overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. 112 set forth in the Office Action.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. §112

The Examiner has stated:

Claims 1-7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention. The specification does not support the claimed limitation of "the deletion sequence being different from both the recording sequence and a reverse of the recording sequence" [see claim 1, lines 9-11]. ...

Claim 8 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

a. The intended means for “program means” in line 2 is unclear. The claim is directed to a computer program product. Should “program means”, in line 2, be replaced with – program codes executable by a computer--? Furthermore, “code means” in lines 5 and 8 should be replaced with –program codes–.

Allowable Subject Matter

The allowability of claims 1-8 will be determined when the claims are amended to overcome the rejections under USC 112, as set forth above.

In response, the specification has been amended to address the 35 U.S.C. 112 rejection.

Specifically, the phrase “the deletion sequence being different from both the recording sequence and a reverse of the recording sequence” has been added to the specification at the paragraph beginning on page 7, line 7. Support for the amendment to the specification is found in independent claim 1. Applicant respectfully submits that no new matter has been presented. Applicant respectfully submits that claim 1 now complies with 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph.

Dependent claims 2-7 depend from claim 1. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 2-7 are also definite under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, for at least the same reasons as claim 1.

Claim 8 has been amended to address the 35 U.S.C. 112 rejection. Specifically, the phrase “program means” has been replaced with the phrase “program codes executable by a computer,” and the phrase “code means” has been replaced with the phrase “program codes.” Support for the amendment to claim 8 is found on page 8, lines 15-21 of the specification. Applicant respectfully submits that no new matter has been presented. Applicant respectfully submits that claim 1, as amended, is clear under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, Applicant submit that claims 1-8 are patentable. Applicant, therefore, respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of the claims as now presented.

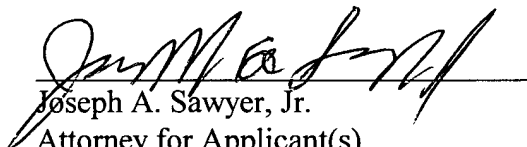
Applicant's attorney believes that this application is in condition for allowance. Should any unresolved issues remain, the Examiner is invited to call Applicant's attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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